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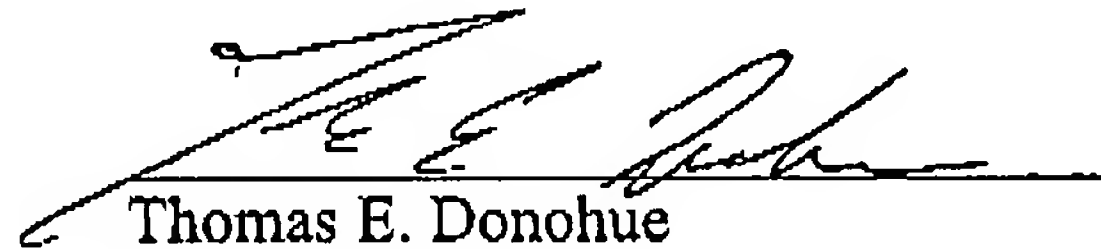
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**Claim Rejections**

Claim 8 was allowed. Claims 5 and 15 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Amendments currently place claims 5 and 15 in proper form for allowance. The Applicant again thanks the Examiner for recognition of the allowable subject matter.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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